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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT INTRUSION INTO BUFFER ZONE

FOR THORNE FROM KONTOS

REFS: A) SINAI 561, B) SINAI 563, C) SINAI 574

1. HAVE NOTED YOUR CABLES AND CAIRO'S 4806 ON INTRUSION
OF ISRAELI HELICOPTER INTO BUFFER ZONE.

2. THIS EVENT CAN GIVE US CHANCE TO REVIEW AGAIN YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE TO INTRUSIONS. HERETOFORE,
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DISCUSSIONS AND BRIEFINGS HAVE CENTERED ON OUR RESPONSI-

BILITY FOR GROUND INTRUSION IN THE AREA OF THE TWO PASSES. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS CALL FOR IMMEDIATELY INFORMING THE UN AND BOTH PARTIES WHEN AN INTRUSION OCCURS. TO BE PRECISE, THE LANGUAGE OF THE US PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES IS AS FOLLOWS: THAT QTE US CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE PARTIES TO THE BASIC AGREEMENT AND TO THE UNEF ANY MOVEMENT OF ARMED FORCES... INTO EITHER PASS AND ANY OBSERVED PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH MOVEMENT UNQTE.

3. AIR INTRUSIONS ARE NOT NORMALLY WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY BUT IN THE PRESENT INCIDENT OF AN AIR INTRUSION BY HELICOPTER THAT LANDS NEAR THE PASSES WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO AND APPROVAL OF UNEF COULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTRUSION, HENCE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO ALL PARTIES.

4. OUR READING OF REFTELS A, B AND C REPORTING THIS INCIDENT IS THAT SFM IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE EGYPTIANS THE EVENING OF APRIL 10 (WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT TIME) AT E-1 AND FOLLOWED UP WITH FORMAL MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING DAY. UN WAS INFORMED OFFICIALLY, PRESUMABLY THROUGH ISMAILIA, THAT EVENING AT 2208 HOURS. A CABLE WAS ALSO SENT TO THE UN COORDINATOR IN JERUSALEM THE MORNING OF APRIL 11, C/O THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND TELEPHONED TO THE IDF SLO IN TEL AVIV. IN DUE COURSE ALL CONCERNED WERE INFORMED BUT THE SEQUENCE AND TIMING IS PUZZLING. WHY WERE NOT ALL CONCERNED AS WELL AS WASHINGTON NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY?

5. INASMUCH AS THE AIRCRAFT INTRUDED INTO THE BUFFER ZONE, AN AREA OF PRIME UN RESPONSIBILITY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE ENDED WITH THE ACT OF INFORMING THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IT IS NOTED THAT THE SFM DIRECTOR WENT TO JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS THIS INCIDENT WITH THE SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER, WHEREAS OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ANY QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT INTRUSIONS INTO THE BUFFER ZONE SHOULD BE THE PREROGATIVE OF THE UN. OUR RECAPITULATION OF THE EVENTS BASED ON YOUR MESSAGES MAY NOT BE FULLY CORRECT, HENCE WE SHALL WISH TO GO OVER CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS EVENT IN GREAT DETAIL DURING YOUR CONSULTATION. KISSINGER

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